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INFO AMEMBASSY SANAA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR YE KN KS

SUBJECT: SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S CALL

REF: SANAA 188

1. DURING COURTESY CALL BY ROK CONSUL GENERAL, AMBASSADOR  
CHOI, I CONVEYED SUBSTANCE REFTEL AS REQUESTED.

CHOI DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF (A) AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD'S  
THOUGHTFULNESS IN SENDING INFORMATION, AND (B) GRACIOUS  
ASSISTANCE RENDERED DURING HIS VISIT TO YAR. HE WAS  
PLEASED TO HEAR THAT NU'MAN MADE CLEAR TO NORTH KOREAN  
CHARGE THAT YAR RESERVES ITS OWN FREEDOM OF ACTION ON  
MATTERS OF DIRECT CONCERN TO IT. SAME TIME, SUGGESTION  
IN REFTEL THAT YAR LIKELY BE GUIDED BY EGYPTIAN HANDLING  
OF THIS MATTER GAVE HIM LITTLE COMFORT.

2. CHOI RECOUNTED THAT HIS PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH  
EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS ARE GOOD, BUT GOE HAS ADAMANTLY  
RFUSED REPEATED ROK REQUEST TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS. HE HAS REMINDED FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS  
THAT GOE ITSELF WAS WILLING IN 1963 TO HAVE DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS WITH ROK AS WELL AS NORTH KOREA AND HAS  
INDICATED ROK IS NOW READY TO DO SO. FOREIGN MINISTRY  
OFFICIALS (AT UNDERSECRETARY LEVEL) NOW RESPONDE CIRCUM-  
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STANCES HAVE CHANGED AND GOE NOT YET PREPARED TO DO SO.

3. GOE HAS ALSO BEEN UNHELPFUL IN OTHER RESPECTS. FOR EXAMPLE, IT HAS VERY RECENTLY REFUSED TO PERMIT SOUTH KOREAN PARTICIPATION IN UPCOMING CAIRO INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR, DESPITE FACT THAT SPACE HAD ALREADY BEEN RETNED, MONEY PAID, AND EXHIBITS HAD ARRIVED. CHOI ATTRIBUTES GOE ACTION TO NORTH KOREAN PRESSURE.

4. CHOI ASKED IF I WOULD INTERVENE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY TO ASK THAT (A) GOE RECONSIDER ITS BELATED REFUSAL TO PERMIT SOUTH KOREAN PARTICIPATION IN CAIRO INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR AND (B) URGE GOE ACCEDE TO ROK REQUEST TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. I EXPLAINED TO CHOI THAT I HAVE IN PAST (JIDDA) OFTEN SPOKEN FOR SOUTH KOREAN CAUSES IN ABSENCE SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR, BUT THAT I DID NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE I COULD AS YET BE HELPFUL HERE IN CAIRO. I REMINDED HIM WE STILL HAVE NO FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH EGYPT AND HAVE A SERIES OF SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OF OUR OWN HERE WHICH WE NEED TO RESOLVE. ANY SUCH INTERVENTION BY ME NOW WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE REGARDED AS GRATUITOUS AND WOULD MORE LIKELY BE HARMFUL RATHER THAN HELPFUL TO ROK OBJECTIVES. I ASSURED HIM I WOULD KEEP HIS PROBLEM IN MIND AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY FAVORABLE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HELPFUL. HE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION.

5. AT HIS REQUEST, AM SENDING HIM SUBSTANCE OF REFTTEL TO ENABLE HIM REPORT IT TO HIS GOVERNMENT.  
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